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This paper is submitted in response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action of April 20, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.